

SITUATION REPORT NO. 14

INCIDENT NO. 2002-007

DATE: February 15, 2002

TIME: 3:30 p.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck, N.D. 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Train Derailment – A large anhydrous ammonia plume enveloped significant portions of the Minot area when a 112-car train derailed on Friday, January 18.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: There was one fatality and approximately 1,605 people have sought treatment.
3. DAMAGES: No change from previous reports.
4. RESOURCES:
LOCAL: No change from previous reports.
STATE: No change from previous reports.
FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.
5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: The American Red Cross is providing monthly rental assistance for evacuees.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: Through February 13, Canadian Pacific Railway has scheduled 217 home air quality assessments; 180 have been completed.

On February 10, N.D. State Health officials, accompanied by residents, took water samples from homes in Tierricita Vallejo.

On February 12, N.D. Department of Health officials met with Tierricita Vallejo residents to provide environmental and cleanup information. They reviewed the progress of cleanup efforts and test results from air and water samples. Health personnel determined additional well water sampling would be necessary. They will arrange for cleaning and disinfecting of private water wells, upon owner approval. Department of Health officials will also monitor the soil sampling scheduled for today through next week.

First District Health Unit officials reported approximately 1,000 individuals underwent cardiopulmonary function tests.

As of February 15, approximately 51,000 tons of soil have been removed. All ice has been cut and complete removal is scheduled for completion by February 16.
7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No change from previous reports.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from the previous reports.
9. OTHER: Appropriate state, local and private entity emergency operations plans and procedures have been implemented.

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